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## State/federal assistance available to eligible private non-profit organizations

**PASADENA, CA** - The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides supplemental Federal disaster grant assistance for debris removal, emergency protective measures, and the repair, replacement, or restoration of disaster-damaged, publicly owned facilities and the facilities of certain eligible Private Non-Profit (PNP) organizations.

On May 7, 2010 President Obama, at the request of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, signed a Major Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance following the magnitude 7.2 earthquake that struck Imperial County April 4. This declaration makes funding available to state and Imperial County agencies. It also makes assistance available to certain non-profit organizations on a cost sharing basis for eligible recovery projects.

All interested PNPs should begin the process by applying to the California Emergency Management agency (Cal EMA) no later than June 2. At the time of application, FEMA will determine if the PNP provides essential governmental services. If the PNP meets the criteria, FEMA will then classify those essential governmental services as either ***critical or non-critical***.

***Eligible PNP facilities providing critical services*** may immediately apply for a grant from FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) program. Some examples of PNP facilities in this category are those that provide power, water, sewer, wastewater treatment, communications, emergency medical care, and fire or rescue services.

***Eligible PNP facilities providing non-critical services*** will be referred to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for a low-interest disaster loan to cover property damages. If the SBA cannot approve a low interest disaster loan or meet all of the PNP's needs, SBA will refer the PNP back to FEMA. However, the PNP applicant is responsible for re-applying to FEMA for assistance. Some examples of PNP facilities in this category are food kitchens, homeless shelters, museums, libraries, youth programs, YMCAs and YWCAs. PNPs with any questions may contact SBA toll free at (800) 659-2955.

To apply for assistance the PNP must file a Request for Public Assistance (RPA), FF-90-49 and a PNP Facility Questionnaire FF 90-121 with FEMA through Cal EMA. For information on the forms and a local contact person the PNP should call Cal EMA at 626-431-3257.

*FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.*

*The California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) coordinates overall state agency preparedness for, response to and recovery from major disasters. Cal EMA also maintains the State Emergency Plan, which outlines the organizational structure for state management of the response to natural and manmade disasters.*

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